

For more information on  
recycling, waste reduction,  
or buying recycled...

- Call 240-777-6400 or  
fax 240-777-6465
- If you are hearing impaired,  
call 240-777-6442 (TTY)
- Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling)
- E-mail [recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov)

**The More You Do,  
 The More It Matters**

*Montgomery County Recycles!*



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
*Division of Solid Waste Services*



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# RECYCLING



**in your apartment  
or condominium...**

**is as easy as  
1-2-3**

*Recycling is as easy as...*

## 1 Collect Your Recyclable Items

Collect all commingled materials, mixed paper, scrap metal, and Christmas trees. Apartment-sized recycling bins are available to help you collect your recyclable materials.

## 2 Recycle at Your Building

Bring recyclables to the recycling collection area for your building, and put them in the containers marked for recycling. Please do not use plastic bags. Your recyclables will be collected and made into new products.

## 3 Close the Loop! Buy Recycled Products

When shopping, purchase items made from recycled materials or wrapped in recycled packaging. Look for the ♻️ symbol. When you buy recycled products, you help make Montgomery County's recycling program a success by creating demand for recycled materials.

## Why Recycle?

Recycling contributes to a cleaner, healthier environment and a more sustainable economy. It conserves energy, saves precious natural resources, and reduces the amount of trash sent to County disposal facilities. Montgomery County is pursuing its goal to recycle 50 percent of all solid waste generated in the County.

Montgomery County requires all residents and businesses to recycle. Each multi-family property in Montgomery County must have an on-site recycling program. The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services will work with your property manager to develop a program that makes recycling easy and convenient for everyone. Call your property manager or the Division's TRRAC (Think Reduce and Recycle at Apartments and Condominiums) Program at 240-777-6400 for more information.

*You make a difference when you recycle.  
It all adds up!*

*Recycle More! Recycle Now!*



### Glass Bottles and Jars

- Clear, green, and brown food and beverage glass bottles and jars.
- Examples: *soft drink, beer, juice and wine bottles; spaghetti sauce, mayonnaise, and pickle jars.*
- Remove lids and place them in the recycling container.

### Cans and Foil Products

- Aluminum cans and bi-metal (*steel/tin*) food and beverage containers.
- Aluminum foil and foil products.
- Examples: soft drink, beer, juice, tuna, sardine, soup, vegetable and pet food cans; aluminum foil, foil cookware (*such as pie plates and lasagna pans*), and foil TV dinner trays.
- Lids are recyclable. Please secure lid inside can if possible.

### Plastic Bottles, Containers and Lids

- Plastic bottles, containers, jars, tubs, lids, pails, buckets, and flower pots.
- Examples: juice, water, soft drink, prescription pill, cooking oil, salad dressing, shampoo, toilet cleaner, detergent and bleach bottles; yogurt, mayonnaise, potato salad, and margarine containers and lids; kitty litter and ice cream pails and lids; and plastic nursery/flower pots.

**Please empty and rinse all containers and foil products. Labels are okay.**

### Mixed Paper

- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines and catalogs
- Cardboard boxes
- Cereal boxes (*remove liner*)
- Unwanted mail and receipts
- Shredded paper (*in paper bag*)
- Envelopes (*with or without plastic windows*)
- Hard/soft cover books
- Telephone books
- Office/Computer paper
- All other clean, dry paper

Use a paper bag for easy mixed paper storage in your home.

### Scrap Metal (Metal and predominantly metal items)

- Examples: Appliances (*such as refrigerators/freezers, washers/dryers, humidifiers, air conditioners, and toasters*), metal bed frames, cabinets, furniture, fencing, household items (*such as irons, pots, and pans*), tools, and pipes.
- Check with your property manager to find out how scrap metal is collected and recycled at your property.
- If you purchase a new appliance, ask the store if they will remove and recycle the old appliance.

### Christmas Trees and Wreaths

- Remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, and garland before recycling.
- Talk to your property manager to find out dates and collection areas for Christmas tree recycling.



- No mirror or window glass
- No drinking glasses, cups, plates, or cookware
- No broken glass
- No ceramics
- No light bulbs
- No automotive parts
- No household metal items such as pots, pans, aluminum siding, or furniture. Recycle these items separately as scrap metal.
- No Styrofoam™/polystyrene products
- No “clamshell” containers, packaging from small electronics and toys, or jewel cases from CDs
- No plastic utensils, bowls, or plates
- No automotive product containers (such as motor oil, antifreeze, or brake fluid)
- No pesticide containers
- No plastic wrap or bags (Plastic bags can be recycled at most local grocery stores.)
- No plastic toys or gadgets

- No PLASTIC BAGS
- No packing material such as Styrofoam™/polystyrene
- No food-contaminated paper or boxes, such as pizza boxes
- No carbon paper
- No paper/cardboard contaminated with paint, chemicals, or kitty litter
- No foil gift wrap, paper towels, napkins, or tissues

- Do not place scrap metal in trash or commingled materials recycling containers
- No vehicle or automotive parts, including engine blocks
- No paint cans
- No oxygen or propane tanks or other containers under pressure

- No trees with root balls
- No trees in plastic bags

## More Items You Can Recycle

In addition to the items you can recycle at home, you can recycle other items at the County's Solid Waste Transfer Station/Recycling Center located just south of the intersection of Route 355 and Shady Grove Road at 16101 Frederick Road, Derwood, Maryland 20855.

Call **240-777-6400** or visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling) for a complete list of acceptable materials, instructions, and facility hours of operation.

### Examples of acceptable materials:

- Computers, televisions, and other electronic items
- Automotive tires
- Clothing, textiles, and shoes
- Usable construction materials
- Propane and helium tanks
- Cooking oil
- Antifreeze and motor oil
- Automobile and boat batteries

Bring **household hazardous waste (HHW)** to the HHW receiving area at the Solid Waste Transfer Station/Recycling Center seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Examples of acceptable HHW materials:

- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Oil-based paint
- Paint thinners and solvents
- Household rechargeable batteries
- Mercury thermometers
- Cleaning products
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Photographic chemicals
- Unwanted fuels such as gasoline

For more information and details on HHW collection events scheduled throughout the year, call **240-777-6400** or visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hazardouswaste](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hazardouswaste).

**Furniture** — To find out how to arrange pick-up for a donation of usable furniture, call **240-777-6400** or visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/useitagain](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/useitagain).